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LETTER DATED 3 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a memorandum showing the impact of the implementation of Security Council resolution 748 (1992) on the youth and sports sector.

I should be grateful if you would have the memorandum circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Memorandum showing the impact of the implementation of Security Council resolution 748 (1992) on the youth and sports sector

As in the case of the other sectors, such as those of health, education and social welfare, which are concerned with the handicapped, the disabled and the elderly, the implementation of Security Council resolution 748 (1992) has affected the youth and sports sector. The resolution's impact on this sector has been as follows:

1. Obstruction of the completion of the sectoral infrastructure of sports and youth installations through delay in the execution of contracts for the completion of projects owing to the delay in the arrival of some equipment, fittings and other necessities covered by such contracts.

2. Cancellation of many youth and sports programmes calling for the sending of sports and youth groups to participate in external activities (sports and youth gatherings, conferences, symposiums, courses and meetings), whether at the bilateral, Arab, continental or world levels.

3. The reduction to a minimum of the number of sports and youth groups sent abroad because of the aerial embargo.

4. An increase in the length of time for which sports and youth groups are sent to participate in events abroad, which has resulted in increased hard currency expenditures on such groups.

5. An increase in the costs of airline tickets for such groups because there are no direct air links between the Jamahiriya and the State to which any particular sports or youth group is being sent.

6. Lack of external sports contact for Libyan sports teams, leading to a decline in the technical level of Libyan sports teams, since they are unable to implement joint programmes because of the increased cost and the difficulty of travel.

7. Abstention from the hosting of sports and youth events and meetings in the Jamahiriya in view of the difficulties faced by the youth of other States in travelling to the Jamahiriya.

8. Suspension of airmail correspondence, whether sent out by Libyan youth and sports organizations or addressed to it by comparable Arab, African, Mediterranean or international organizations.

9. The difficulty of using sea and land routes to reach other countries of the world.

10. The halting of individual youth initiatives as a result of the rise in the cost of travel and the need to obtain entry visas for other States, since there are no direct air links, not to mention the waiting period for young people seeking visas. In this regard, we might point out that the team of the great Jamahiriya participating in the twenty-fifth Olympic Games being held at Barcelona is the smallest numerically. It was felt that participation should be symbolic so that the youth of this country should not be deprived of attendance at Olympic, international, continental and Arab sports and youth activities.